

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Wade Hampton Census Area



The Wade Hampton Census Area covers 17,193 square miles of Southwestern Alaska. The population - more than 90 percent Alaska Native - is scattered among 16 small communities. The economies of these mostly Yupik villages are essentially subsistence based. Sources of income include commercial fishing, fish processing, fire fighting, fur trapping, and the manufacture of arts and crafts. Opportunities for year round employment are primarily in the areas of federal, state and local government, public education, and village organizations. Commercial fishing has traditionally been the mainstay of the area's economy.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 7,670, a gain of about 642 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 68 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 48 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Teacher Assistants than any other occupation.

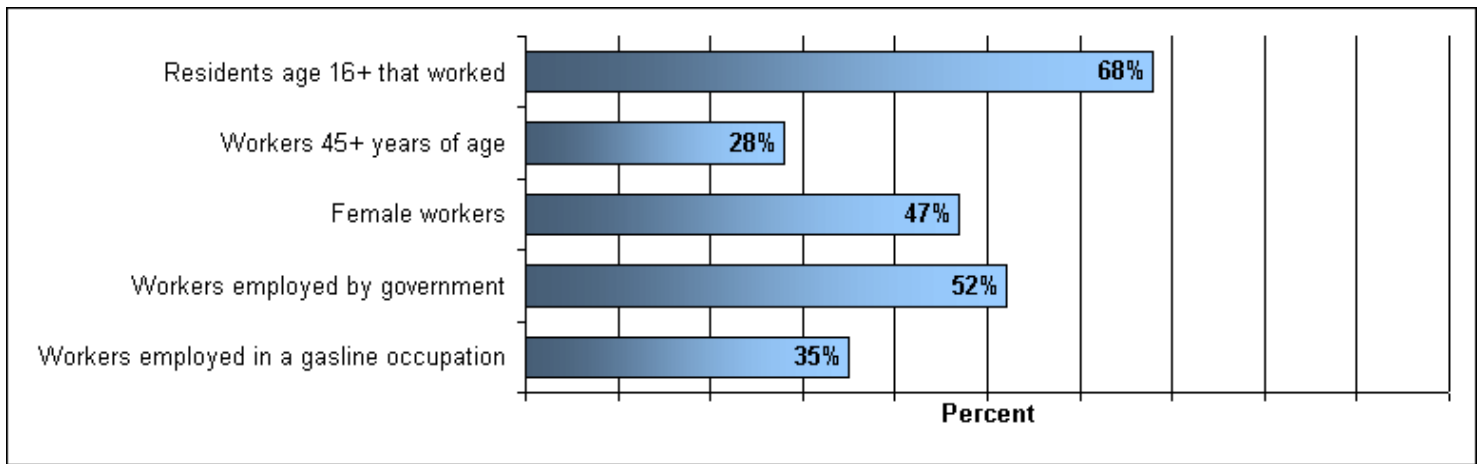
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Wade Hampton Census Area Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	4,702	Total wages	\$46,450,793
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,206	Private	1,547
Male	1,705	State government	112
Female	1,499	Local government	1,547
Age 45+	907	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	575	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,639
		Percent working all 4 quarters	49.5%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	1,122	Some construction	650
		At least 1 year construction	245
		At least 2 years construction	93
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	2,736
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2008 Residents

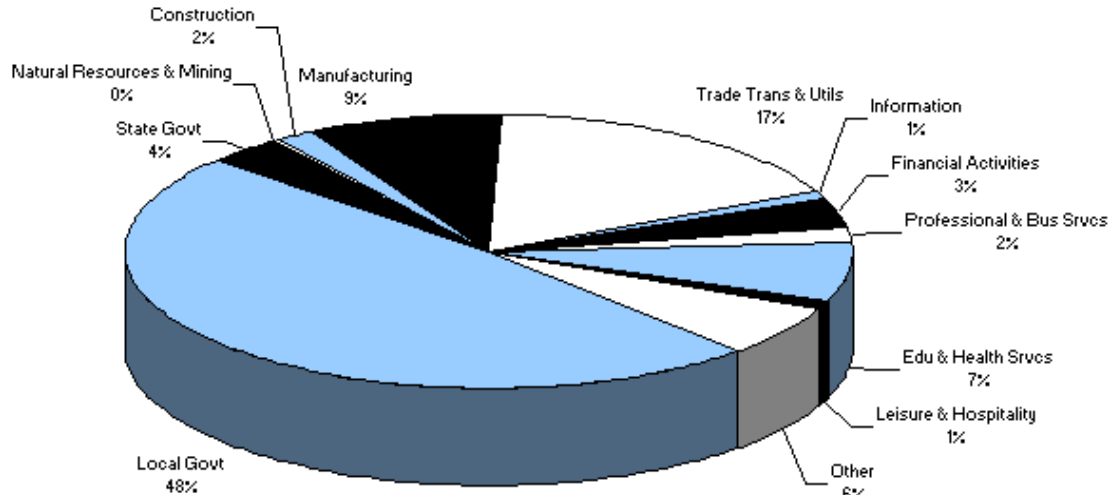


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Teacher Assistants	293	77.3%	73	7.4%	19.0%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	198	11.1%	27	21.6%	8.8%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	185	38.4%	14	13.5%	3.8%
Cashiers	111	83.8%	5	6.5%	5.4%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	109	6.4%	12	5.9%	6.7%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	87	31.0%	7	9.4%	4.7%
Retail Salespersons	79	55.7%	3	16.2%	2.5%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	79	46.8%	3	n/a	n/a
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	77	37.7%	19	5.1%	6.1%
Cooks, All Other	72	90.3%	26	9.4%	4.7%
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	70	10.0%	3	6.2%	6.2%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	68	11.8%	9	9.3%	2.3%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	68	2.9%	17	6.2%	6.2%
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	66	72.7%	7	16.7%	0.0%
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	65	0.0%	17	25.3%	10.7%
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	64	70.3%	29	15.2%	10.9%
Information and Record Clerks, All Other	55	85.5%	6	4.5%	0.0%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	52	88.5%	6	5.0%	0.0%
Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	48	89.6%	4	8.1%	7.0%
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	47	85.1%	12	2.0%	3.9%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	9	0.0%	0	n/a	n/a
Construction	54	22.2%	5	50.0%	17.6%
Manufacturing	274	38.0%	16	11.7%	16.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	550	46.4%	67	10.1%	6.3%
Information	28	0.0%	8	11.4%	5.7%
Financial Activities	108	11.1%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	59	13.6%	10	28.6%	35.7%
Educational and Health Services	222	64.0%	35	15.5%	6.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	33	66.7%	4	27.3%	11.4%
State Government	112	23.2%	20	19.8%	8.9%
Local Government	1,547	50.0%	346	7.0%	7.7%
Other	194	74.2%	45	5.9%	2.9%

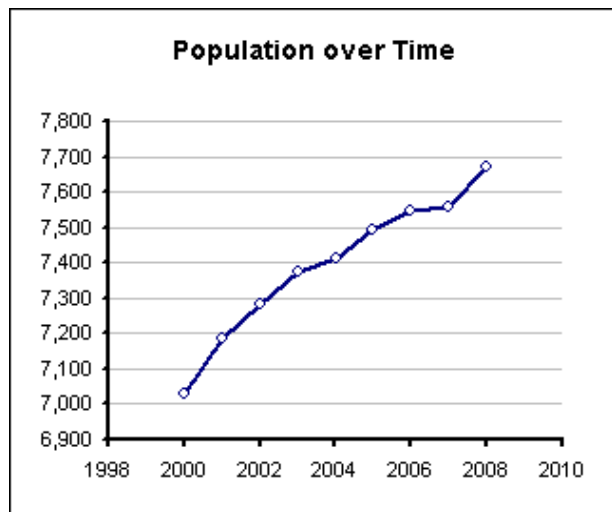
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Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	634	663	694	644
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	24.2%	24.0%	25.0%	31.3%

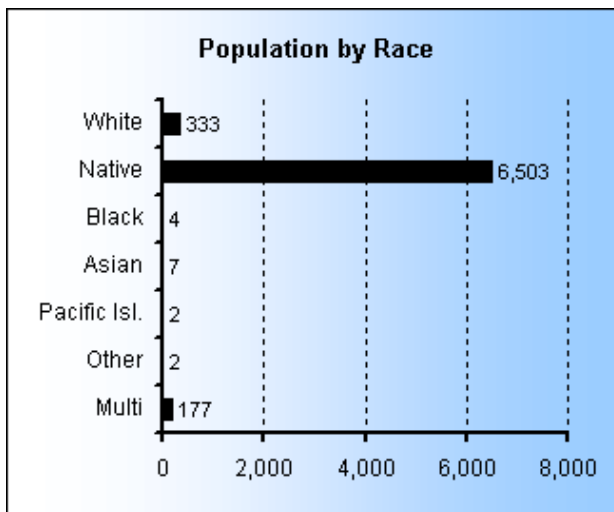
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Lower Yukon School District
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp 90
Kwikpak Fisheries LLC
AK Commercial Co
Kashunamiut School District
Rural AK Comm Action Program
Assoc of Village Council Pres
Coastal Villages Seafoods Inc
Hooper Bay City Council
Avcp Housing Authority



2000 Census	
Median Age	20
Average Family Size	5.0
Average Household Size	4.4
Per Capita Income	\$8,717
Median Family Income	\$29,867
Median Household Income	\$30,184



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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